

## SENATE BILL No. 384

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-6.1-7.5; IC 21-3-1.7.

**Synopsis:** Teacher certification incentives. Provides that the department of education shall each year pay the certification fees for up to 2,000 teachers who are participating in the certification process offered by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Provides a national board certification incentive grant to school corporations equal to \$5,000 for each teacher employed by a school corporation who holds a valid certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and who is a classroom teacher.

**Effective:** July 1, 2001.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education finance and to make an appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-6.1-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2001]:

4 **Chapter 7.5. Payment of National Board Certification Fees**  
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "national board" refers to the**  
6 **National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.**

7 **Sec. 2. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, if a teacher**  
8 **employed by a school corporation:**

9 (1) **applies to participate in the certification program offered**  
10 **by the national board; and**

11 (2) **applies to the department of education for payment of**  
12 **certification fees charged to the teacher by the national**  
13 **board;**

14 **the department of education shall pay on behalf of the teacher the**  
15 **certification fees charged to the teacher by the national board.**

16 **Sec. 3. (a) The department may not pay certification fees under**  
17 **this section for more than two thousand (2,000) teachers in a year.**

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(b) The department of education shall record the time of filing of each application for payment of certification fees under this section and shall pay the certification fees in the chronological order in which the applications are filed in the calendar year. If the department of education for a year has paid certification fees for two thousand (2,000) teachers, the department may not pay any additional certification fees for the year, but may, if an applicant requests, approve the payment of certification fees with respect to the next calendar year.

**Sec. 4. The amounts necessary to pay certification fees under this section are appropriated from the state general fund.**

SECTION 2. IC 21-3-1.7-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.3-2000, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 9. (a) Subject to the amount appropriated by the general assembly for tuition support, the amount that a school corporation is entitled to receive in tuition support for a year is the amount determined in section 8 of this chapter.

(b) If the total amount to be distributed as tuition support under this chapter, for enrollment adjustment grants under section 9.5 of this chapter, for at-risk programs under section 9.7 of this chapter, for academic honors diploma awards under section 9.8 of this chapter, **for national board certification incentive grants under section 9.9 of this chapter**, and as special and vocational education grants under IC 21-3-1.8-3 or IC 21-3-10 for a particular year, exceeds:

- (1) two billion nine hundred thirty-nine million two hundred thousand dollars (\$2,939, 200,000) in 1999;
- (2) three billion one hundred ninety million dollars (\$3, 190,000,000) in 2000; and
- (3) three billion three hundred twenty-one million dollars (\$3,321,000,000) in 2001;

the amount to be distributed for tuition support under this chapter to each school corporation during each of the last six (6) months of the year shall be reduced by the same dollar amount per ADM (as adjusted by IC 21-3-1.6-1.1) so that the total reductions equal the amount of the excess.

SECTION 3. IC 21-3-1.7-9.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2000, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 9.5. (a) In addition to the distribution under sections 8, 9.7, ~~and 9.8~~, **and 9.9** of this chapter, a school corporation is eligible for an enrollment adjustment grant if the school corporation's:

- (1) current ADM minus the school corporation's previous year ADM is at least two hundred fifty (250); or

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(2) current ADM divided by the school corporation's previous year ADM is at least one and five-hundredths (1.05).

(b) The amount of the enrollment adjustment grant is the amount determined in STEP THREE of the following formula:

STEP ONE: Determine the school corporation's target revenue per ADM divided by three (3).

STEP TWO: Determine the result of the school corporation's current ADM minus the school corporation's previous year ADM.

STEP THREE: Multiply the STEP ONE result by the STEP TWO result.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision, for purposes of computing the amount of a grant under this section, "ADM" does not include an eligible pupil who is described in IC 21-3-1.6-1.2(a).

SECTION 4. IC 21-3-1.7-9.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.273-1999, SECTION 140, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 9.7. In addition to the distributions under sections 8, 9.5, ~~and 9.8~~, ~~and 9.9~~ of this chapter for 1997 and thereafter, a school corporation is eligible for an amount for at-risk programs in the amount determined in STEP ~~SIX~~ FIVE of the following formula:

STEP ONE: Determine the greater of the following:

(A) The result determined under item (ii) of the following formula:

~~(i)~~ (i) Determine the result of the school corporation's at-risk index minus two-tenths (0.2).

(ii) Multiply the item ~~(i)~~ (i) result by seven-hundredths (0.07).

(B) Zero (0).

STEP TWO: Determine the greater of the following:

(A) The result determined under item (ii) of the following formula:

~~(i)~~ (i) Determine the result of the school corporation's at-risk index minus fifteen-hundredths (0.15).

(ii) Multiply the item ~~(i)~~ (i) result by eighteen-hundredths (0.18).

(B) Zero (0).

STEP THREE: Add the STEP ONE result and the STEP TWO result.

STEP FOUR: Multiply the STEP THREE sum by the school corporation's current ADM. Round the result to the nearest one-hundredth (0.01).

STEP FIVE: Multiply the STEP FOUR product by three thousand

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three hundred fifty-four dollars (\$3,354) in 2000 and three thousand five hundred twenty-two dollars (\$3,522) in 2001.

SECTION 5. IC 21-3-1.7-9.8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.273-1999, SECTION 141, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 9.8. (a) In addition to the distributions under sections 8, 9.5, ~~and 9.7~~, **and 9.9** of this chapter, a school corporation is eligible for an honors diploma award in the amount determined under STEP TWO of the following formula:

STEP ONE: Determine the number of the school corporation's eligible pupils who successfully completed an academic honors diploma program in the school year ending in the previous calendar year.

STEP TWO: Multiply the STEP ONE amount by nine hundred twenty-five dollars (\$925).

(b) Each year the governing body of a school corporation may use the money that the school corporation receives for an honors diploma award under this section to give nine hundred twenty-five dollars (\$925) to each eligible pupil in the school corporation who successfully completes an academic honors diploma program in the school year ending in the previous calendar year.

SECTION 6. IC 21-3-1.7-9.9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: **Sec. 9.9. (a) In addition to the distributions under sections 8, 9.5, 9.7, and 9.8 of this chapter, a school corporation is eligible for a national board certification incentive grant in the amount determined under STEP TWO of the following formula:**

**STEP ONE: Determine the number of teachers employed by the school corporation in the school year ending in the current calendar year who:**

**(A) hold valid certifications from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and**

**(B) are classroom teachers.**

**STEP TWO: Multiply the STEP ONE amount by five thousand dollars (\$5,000).**

**(b) Money that a school corporation receives for a national board certification incentive grant under this section shall be deposited in the school corporation's general fund and may be used for any general fund purpose.**

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